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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice will be construed as a continuation of compliance with provisions necessary to establish presumed fact (Rule 301, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and attending State rules). All interested parties have failed to rebut any given allegation or matter of law addressed herein. The position will be construed as adequate to requirements of judicial notice, thus preserving fundamental law. A true and correct copy of this Public Notice is on file with and available for inspection at the newspaper CONTACT which is responsible for publishing the instrument as a legal notice.

The publication of this Public Notice shall be accompanied by two Public Notices dated November 11, 2000 and March 4, 2002 as a means of refreshing and reiterating the position of the Corporation on a number of important subjects.

The officers of the Corporation currently on duty in Manila have noted an article in a local newspaper (*The Daily TRIBUNE*) dated September 11, 2003 and headlined, "GRANT OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN A MOVE FOR SUCCESSFUL RP-MILF PEACE TALKS". Since the statement conflicts with information gleaned from court records and previously published on April 9, 2003 in *CONTACT*, we are obliged to keep the record straight.

So that our readers can discern what is going on here, we will quote the first and second-to-last paragraphs of the short article: "Malacañang yesterday announced it is redoubling its efforts to address the grant of ancestral domain to members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front for peace talks scheduled next month to succeed," and 'There is nothing greater that I wish for than a complete and lasting peace for Mindanao... A peace that respects the rights and tradition of our diverse ethnic communities in our multi-ethnic society...we shall uphold the Bangsamoro cultural rights and way of life as well as the rights to socio-economic development and ancestral domain,' Mrs. Arroyo said."

Now let us quote from the court record in the section on "Annotations to OCT 01-4". (Annotations are made and attached to the original Deed only upon completion of the legal requirements for the transfer of the subject property.)

Annotation No. PLA-061, S-6-1' 1903. Deed of Assignment absolutely conveyed to Sultanate of Sulu on their Jamalul Kiram heirs, relative of Don

Esteban Benitez Tallano, the whole lands of the Province of Sulu, Lanao, Cotabato, and Zamboanga in favor of the Filipino Muslim brothers and sisters to prevent escalation of hostilities in Mindanao, in compliance to the order of Philippine Commission headed by William Howard Taft.

Date of the Document: June 10, 1903

Date of Inscription: June 19, 1903

(Sgd) WILLIAM HOWARD TAFTPhilippine Commission by:
Public Land Authority


Other historical records seem to indicate that the suggestion of giving those lands to the "Filipino Muslim brothers and sisters" originated with the Tagean-Tallano owners in which gift the Commission was concurring. Of course, like Mrs. Arroyo, William Howard Taft was not above accepting credit for having given away something that belonged to someone else. We must lament the fact that the Bangsamoro people have fought war after war for more than 100 years—not to "claim" their ancestral lands—but in an effort to keep what was already rightfully theirs. They have been denied the use of their own properties for so long that most of them have forgotten that they already own their land and surely do not need "the grant of ancestral domain" from the Philippine government.

We will take this opportunity to point out an additional circumstance that could also serve to reduce tension and conflict. A major portion of North Borneo called Sabah was ceded to the Sultanate of Sulu more than 200 years ago—evidenced to this day by the fact that the lease payments made by Malaysia for Sabah are to the Sultanate, not to the Republic of the Philippines. Except through the Sultanate, the Philippines has no claim to Sabah and there is no purpose served for Filipinos to rail and huff about "reclaiming their sovereign property, Sabah". Such misconceptions are often fostered by governments to distract their citizens, fomenting discontent and unrest in order to retain a greater level of control.

This Public Notice presents the facts to the best of our information and we present it under penalty of perjury. Signed for the Corporation this 12th day of September 2003 at Manila, Republic of the Philippines.


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